



50TH ANNIVERSARY . . . To mark the 50th anniversary of the Post Office Department's air mail service, a special flight from the Torrance Municipal Airport to Los Angeles International Airport was arranged this past week. Shown here loading mail into a 1928 model Lincoln Page airplane are (from left) Hugh W. Arboin, custom relations representative of the Torrance Post Office; Postmaster Carl L. Backlund; and Robert Setterburg, who piloted the antique plane. The Post Office Department has been observing the 50th anniversary of air mail service throughout the month of May. (Press-Herald Photo)

Council Cancels Ballot Issue on Bus Line Sale

Torrance City Councilmen have changed their minds once again on the fate of the city's municipal bus lines.

The seven local lawmakers voted Thursday to remove the bus sale issue from the November ballot and approved a lengthy report from City Manager Edward J. Ferraro suggesting ways to improve the bus lines. The council believes that more time is needed to determine whether the improvements plus increased rates can pull the money-losing system out of the doldrums.

As of May 1, the base rate was raised from 25 cents to 35 cents in an attempt to cut down the bus line's \$100,000-a-year deficit. Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain at first reported an increase of \$200 per day in bus revenue, but announced Thursday that this increase had fallen to \$175 per day.

COUNCILMEN also discussed the possibility of purchasing new buses or minibuses, since much of the current rolling stock is fully depreciated.

Councilman Jay Beasley rebutted statements that minibuses were just as expensive to operate as the larger kind, adding that people will ride minibuses when "they won't ride these 'diesel engines' we call buses."

Beasley suggested buying a fleet of mini-buses to operate

strategic neighborhood routes every 15 minutes to encourage ridership.

FOR MONTHS on end, the City Council has toyed with the idea of selling the woebegone Torrance Municipal Bus System to the Southern California Rapid Transit District (RTD). Legal snags and opposition from Mayor Albert Isen, however, stood in the way of the sale.

At Thursday's meeting, councilmen heard from Marvin Anderson, bus drivers' association steward, who criticized the operation of the municipal bus system from bumper to bumper. Anderson said that in the past 10 years, the city has done absolutely nothing to improve the system outside of purchasing three new buses.

Termining the bus system "archaic," Anderson said the system needs a new schedule, revised routes, marked bus

Careening Car Hits Vehicle

A car careening out of control on Florewood Avenue Friday afternoon slammed into a parked vehicle, forcing the parked car into a tree and a power pole, Torrance police said.

The car's driver, 16-year-old Bradley R. Grangruth, 3901 W. 183rd St., told police he lost control of his vehicle while rounding a curve near 179th Street.

One of Grangruth's passengers, Arnold T. Geller, 16, of 18123 Regina Ave., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital for severe facial lacerations.

Both cars sustained major damage.

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Last Rites Held For Civic Leader

Mrs. Belva S. Brase, a resident of Torrance for nearly 30 years, died here Wednesday.

Services for Mrs. Brase were conducted yesterday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Frank E. Richelieu of the Church of Religious Science officiating. Inurnment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Brase was born Oct. 2, 1888. Her home was at 2435 Border Ave. She died at Torrance Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

A member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Mrs. Brase also was active in the city's Tournament of Roses Committee, the Rebecca Lodge 248 of Torrance, and the Royal Neighbors. She also was active in the Heart Association and had been honored by the association on several occasions.

She was a former owner of the Torrance Personnel Agency and had worked for several newspapers during her life.

Surviving Mrs. Brase are a son, Bill Brase of Torrance; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family has asked that contributions be made to the Heart Association in lieu of flowers.



MRS. BELVA S. BRASE.

of Torrance; and several nephews and nieces.

Services are pending. Stone and Myers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Wilson

Services for Mary J. Wilson were held at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Friday. Mrs. Wilson died Wednesday. She was born March 9, 1881, in Pennsylvania.

She is survived by a son, Charles S. Wilson Jr. of Torrance.

Burial will be in El Paso, Tex.

Donald Crockett

Funeral services for Donald Franklin Crockett, who died Tuesday, will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at the Halverson-Leavelle Mortuary Chapel with burial following at Roosevelt Memorial Park. The Rev. Dr. Frank Richelieu of the Church of Religious Science will officiate.

Mr. Crockett, who lived at 22939 Galva Ave., was a veteran of World War II. He had been employed as a purchasing agent. A native of Ohio, he was born March 17, 1906, and had lived here for 25 years.

He is survived by his widow, Emma Marge of Torrance; two step-sons, Robert Alexander of Simi Valley and Jim Alexander of Huntington Beach; a sister, Bertha Eisman of Ohio; and a brother, Clarence of Los Angeles.

Annie LaGrone

Funeral services for Annie M. LaGrone of Los Angeles will be conducted at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Dehn officiating. Burial will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. LaGrone, a native of Oklahoma, died Wednesday at a Torrance rest home. She was born April 8, 1907, and had lived here for nearly 25 years.

Surviving are three sons, Guy J. Gore of Covina, James E. Gore of Huntington Beach, and Owen F. Gore of Oklahoma; a daughter, Hazel W. Kramer of West Covina; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Angelita Carbajal

Funeral services for Angelita Gomez Carbajal, who died Tuesday, will be conducted in Silver City, N.M., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Carbajal, a native of New Mexico, was born Nov. 2, 1906, and had lived in New Mexico throughout her life. She died while visiting relatives in the Bellflower area.

Surviving are her husband, Pedro; eight sons, Johnny, Raymond, Pete, Ignacio, Rudolfo, Frank, Felix, and Albert; three daughters, Angelica Tafoya, Lucy Yudero, and Mara Baca; 38 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters; and a brother.

Stella Freligh

Mrs. Stella M. Freligh, a resident of the area for 47 years, died Friday. A real estate broker for 25 years, Mrs. Freligh resided at 1719 Arlington. She was born April 11, 1875, in Missouri.

Survivors include a son, Stanley Robinette of Waterford, Calif.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a niece, Erma Francis

Teenager Admits Theft Hearing Set on Freeway Route

A teenage Torrance boy tuned himself in to police after snatching an elderly woman's purse Wednesday afternoon in the Del Amo Center parking lot.

The youth confessed to fleeing with the purse of Mrs. Mina B. Johnson, 73, of 125 Via Pasqual. After taking the purse, police said, the boy apparently became frightened and threw it under a car without taking the contents.

Later, the teenager and his father came to the Torrance Police Station to discuss the incident with juvenile authorities.

A public hearing on the routing of the Route 47 Freeway between Terminal Island and the adopted Artesia (Route 91) Freeway will be held Wednesday, the Division of Highways has announced.

The hearing, set for the Wilmington Junior High School Auditorium, 1700 No. Gulf Ave., Wilmington, will begin at 10 a.m.

At the hearing, highway officials will present the results of route location studies and call upon government agencies, civic organizations and all interested individuals to express their opinions. The transcript of the proceedings, together with engineering and economic studies, will be sent to the State Highway Engineer for consideration before a route recommendation is made to the California Highway Commission.

Aerial maps showing the red and green alternate routings to be considered at the meeting will remain on display at the following locations through May: Carson City Offices, 625 E. Carson St.; Dominguez Park, 21330 Santa Fe Ave.; and Banning Park, 401 E. M St., Wilmington; and Wilmington Branch City Hall, 413 Neptune Ave., Wilmington.

Two Kelly Girls Enter Competition

The Kelly sisters, Cynthia, 15, and Lynn, 16, of Torrance, both members of the Carson-Torrance 4-H Club, will be competing in the 11th Annual Great Western Fair and Dairy Show, which runs Wednesday through Sunday at the Great Western Exhibit Center, Santa Ana Freeway at Atlantic Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The girls will be entering the dairy dish contest as well as exhibiting their prize dairy goats.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Children and juniors will be admitted free.

Cadet Corps To Be Topic

Plans for the establishment of a one-year pilot program of the California Cadet Corps at West High School will be discussed at an open meeting tomorrow at the school.

John Bramhall is heading a group which hopes to establish the program at West High. Bramhall said the meeting would be held at 8 p.m.

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Forehead Lacerated In Collision

A teenage Torrance girl received a three-inch laceration on her forehead Tuesday when the car in which she was riding collided with another vehicle at Artesia Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

Treated at Gardena Hospital was 17-year-old Gayle M. Kutsch of 16805 Crenshaw Blvd. At the wheel of the car was James A. Kutsch, 19, of the same address.

The Kutsch vehicle sustained major damage when it collided with a car driven by Ward A. Henny, 16, of 18831 Haas Ave. Henny's car was totally demolished.

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